

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1044

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the members of  
Tennessee Tech University Chorale.

WHEREAS, Tennessee has long been known throughout the world for its rich heritage of music, and it is fitting that this General Assembly recognize those students who bring honor to the State of Tennessee through their musical talents and endeavors in musical performance; and

WHEREAS, one such internationally acclaimed group is Tennessee Tech Chorale, the premier choral ensemble on the campus of Tennessee Tech University; and

WHEREAS, under the able leadership of Dr. Craig Zamer, Tech Chorale has used several different names; however, its commitment to musical excellence has always been paramount; and

WHEREAS, in addition to its regular on-campus concert season, Tech Chorale has performed around the State of Tennessee and abroad; and

WHEREAS, the choir has toured Germany, Mexico, Austria, England, Scotland, and Wales, has been invited to perform at this year's Tennessee Music Educators Association Conference in Nashville, and has previously been invited to perform at the Southern Division of the American Choral Directors Association; and

WHEREAS, as a part of the choir's regular concert schedule, this outstanding ensemble performs annually with the Bryan Symphony Orchestra; and

WHEREAS, Tech Chorale's repertoire includes all genres of choral music from early Renaissance to contemporary; most recently, the choir has participated in performances of Schubert's Mass in G Major, Mozart's Coronation Mass in C Major, Haydn's Te Deum, Puccini's Madame Butterfly, and Poulenc's Gloria; and

WHEREAS, Tech Chorale was also fortunate to participate in a composer residency at Tennessee Tech University, performing the music of Paul Basler from the University of Florida; the Tech Chorale performed the national debut of a new piece by Mr. Basler entitled, "Embrace Creation"; and

WHEREAS, singing a rich variety of choral music, the Tennessee Tech University Chorale is comprised of the following tremendously talented members: Mary Bastin, Febrienne Box, Sarah Dingwall, Bethany Green, LeTara Lee, Melissa Lugo, Noel Medsker, Jesse Nance, Yoomi Paick, Christina Riddle, Heather West, Kiley Brunette, Jennifer Cauthen, Bethany Cothorn, Ruth Dearing, Lauren Dixon, Lauren Geisenhoffer, Erin Hall, Holly Sanders, Kinsley Sells, Hannah Shoopman, Lindsey Slaughter, Hali West, Douglas Easterling, Johnathan Emrich, Jonathan Enix, Camron Gray, Lee Harland, Timothy Keyt, Chad King, Paul Mason, Joseph Mathias, Brian O'Connor, Mathieu Barry, Matthew Garrett, Danny Jones, Chase Ramsey, Kristopher Sherrell, Joshua Spivey, Kyle Tarwater, Duane Vick, and Chris Williams; and

WHEREAS, driven by their common desire and ability to dazzle audiences with first-rate performances, Tennessee Tech University Chorale serves as a testament to the amazing musical talent residing in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to recognize this outstanding group of talented individuals; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend the members of the Tennessee Tech University Chorale, congratulate them upon their invitation to perform at this year's Tennessee Music Educators Association Conference, and wish them every success in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.